

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
PCT/EP99/08105 filed October 27, 1999**

At page 1, line 24 thereof, please delete the section heading "Description of the Invention" and insert the following new section heading and new paragraph:

**--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

A2 The present invention relates, in general, to cosmetic preparations, and more particularly, to formulations which have high ethanol content and which contain special chitosan salts.--

At page 2, line 20 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--**

At page 14, between lines 1 and 2, please add the following new paragraph:

--What is claimed is:--.

On a separate, new page 15, following page 14, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A3 Cosmetic preparations containing large amounts of ethanol, for example, from 70 to 90% by weight, and from 0.01 to 5% by weight of a neutralization product of a chitosan and an acid selected from lactic acid, pyrrolidone carboxylic acid, nicotinic acid, hydroxyisobutyric acid, hydroxyisovaleric acid and/or mixtures thereof, are disclosed.--

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claims 8-27, as follows:

--8. (New) A cosmetic preparation comprising:

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- (a) ethanol in an amount of from 70 to 90% by weight; and
  - (b) a neutralization product of a chitosan and an acid selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, pyrrolidone carboxylic acid, nicotinic acid, hydroxyisobutyric acid, hydroxyisovaleric acid and mixtures thereof, wherein the